

Yeas—Messrs. Brashear, Bache, Clark, Gage, Grimes, Phillips, Wallace, Williams and Wootten—9.

Nays—Messrs. Bourland, Burleson, Cuny, Dancy, Jewett, Navarro, Perkins and Williamson—8.

Resolution adopted, and,

On motion of Mr. Phillips, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Clark,

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the times and places of holding the Supreme Court, was taken up and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Gage, the nomination of Amos Clark for Judge of the Sixth Judicial district, was taken up.

Mr. Gage moved that it be made the special order of the day for Monday next.

Mr. Clark moved to make it the special order of the day for Saturday next.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Wallace, it was made the special order of the day for Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock, Monday morning.

Monday, 10 o'clock, a. m.
February 14th, 1848.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

The following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Bourland, Brashear, Bache, Burleson, Clark, Cuny, Dancy, Fitzgerald, Gage, Grimes, Jewett, McRae, Navarro, Parker, Perkins, Phillips, Wallace, Williams, Williamson and Wootten.

Quorum present.

The Journal of Saturday was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Clark, Mr. Abbott was excused from attending on the Senate on account of sickness.

Mr. Parker presented the petition of the citizens of Palestine, which was,

On motion of Mr. Parker, referred to a select committee.

Messrs. Parker, Gage and McRae were appointed said committee.

Mr. Perkins, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following bills correctly engrossed, viz.:

"A bill to be entitled an act to establish the University of Eastern Texas;" and

"A bill to be entitled an act authorizing and requiring the transfer of the succession of Alexander Jordan, deceased, from the county of Nacogdoches to the county of Rusk."

Mr. Gage, chairman of the committee on Counties and County Boundaries, made the following report:

The committee on Counties and County Boundaries, to which was referred "A bill to be entitled an act to create the county of Caldwell," have had the same under consideration, and a majority of said committee have instructed me to return it to the Senate, with a substitute by way of amendment, and recommend the adoption of the same.

Mr. Williams, chairman of the committee on Internal Improvements, made the following report:

The committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred "A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time allowed to the Colorado Navigation Company, for completing the work contemplated by its charter," have considered the same, and a majority thereof have instructed me to report a substitute therefor, and recommend its passage.

Mr. Grimes, chairman of the committee on Finance, made the following report:

The committee on Finance, to which was referred a bill to be entitled an act to authorize sheriffs to charge mileage in certain cases, have had the same under consideration, and a majority of said committee are of opinion that it would be impracticable to pass the bill.

The chairman of the committee is of opinion that the fees of

office, especially in thinly populated counties, is insufficient to justify a competent person to hold the office of sheriff; from this cause may be attributed the frequent resignations of sheriffs, which should be remedied in some manner.

It is now too late in the session to effect a revisal of the general law regulating the fees of office: as it appears to the chairman to be necessary to grant some additional compensation to sheriffs, he respectfully submits his views to the consideration of the Senate, and returns the bill for their action.

Mr. Williamson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be requested to take into consideration the propriety and expediency of allowing persons holding legal certificates against the government, who, from error, mistake or otherwise, may have located the same on older grants, to raise or float the same, and report thereon by bill or resolution."

Adopted.

Mr. Burleson introduced a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Williamson Academy.

Read first time.

Mr. Dancy introduced a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Colorado and Brazos Railroad Company.

Read first time.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that the House had passed the following bills and joint resolutions, viz.:

A bill to be entitled an act to define the boundary line of Matagorda county;

A bill to be entitled an act, to amend an act, entitled an act, to prescribe the time for the biennial meeting of the Legislature of the State of Texas;

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Thomas Harvey, to Thomas Harvey Forrester;

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize the marriage of Rhesa Green Stalcup and Mary Ann Miller;

A bill to be entitled an act to legitimate Mary Melicia Stalcup, and render her capable of taking by descent the estate or

estates of her parents, Rhesa Green Stalcup and Mary Ann Stalcup; and,

Joint resolution requiring the Attorney General to investigate the condition of the titles to the various Islands within the limits of Texas, and if it be expedient, to cause legal proceedings to be instituted against persons claiming the same adversely to the State—

And the following bills, which originated in the House of Representatives, viz. :

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for ceding to the United States, jurisdiction of certain lands in this State for public purposes;

A bill to be entitled an act to reduce to its constitutional size, define the boundaries, and permanently locate the county seat of Henderson county; and,

A bill to be entitled an act regulating Elections.

The Senate proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

A bill to be entitled an act requiring the transfer of the succession of Alexander Jordan, deceased, from the county of Nacogdoches to the county of Rusk.

Read third time and passed.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that the House had passed a substitute for a bill, originating in the Senate, to be entitled an act, allowing discretion to the Judges of the Supreme Court, in the order of trying causes.

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the Judicial Districts of the District Courts; and,

A bill to be entitled an act, to amend an act, to establish the several Judicial Districts of the District Courts, together with the report of the select committee thereon, offering a substitute for the same, were read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald, the bill was read by its sections.

First section was read.

Mr. Dancy moved to lay the bill on the table.

Lost.

Mr. Dancy moved to amend the second section by inserting "Gonzales," before "Fayette."

Upon which the yeas and nays were called, and stood thus :

Yeas—Messrs. Bourland, Brashear, Burleson, Dancy, Grimes, Parker, Williamson and Wootten—9.

Nays—Messrs. Bache, Clark, Cuny, Gage, Fitzgerald, Jewett, McRae, Navarro, Perkins, Phillips, Wallace and Williams—11.

Amendment rejected.

Third section was read and adopted.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved to amend the fourth section by striking out "Bexar and Medina," and inserting "Goliad and Refugio."

Mr. Phillips moved a division of the question.

On motion of Mr. Gage, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Tuesday, 10 o'clock, a. m.
February 15th, 1848.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

The following Senators answered to their names :

Messrs. Bourland, Brashear, Bache, Burleson, Clark, Cuny, Dancy, Fitzgerald, Gage, Grimes, Jewett, McRae, Navarro, Parker, Phillips, Wallace, Williams, Williamson and Wootten.

Quorum present.

The journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

Mr. Dancy, chairman of the committee on State Affairs, made the following reports :

The committee on Affairs of State, to whom was referred "A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the enumeration of the inhabitants of the State of Texas, for the year 1848," have considered the same, and instructed me to report the bill back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

The committee on Affairs of State, to whom was referred "A bill to be entitled an act to legalize the marriage of Eli